AN EXCELLENT

SPEECH

Spoken by His Highneſſe

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TO

ENGLANDS renowned Generall,

His Excellency Sir *Thomas Fairfax*, at the Kings Majeſties Royall Court at *Causam*.

TOGETHER,

With His Excellencies Anſwer to the ſaid Speech, concerning the Kings Majeſty, and His Royall Poſterity.

Alſo the chiefe Heads of the Armies new Declaration concerning the King, Parliament, and Kingdome. With a Meſſage from the Generall to the Citizens of *LONDON*.

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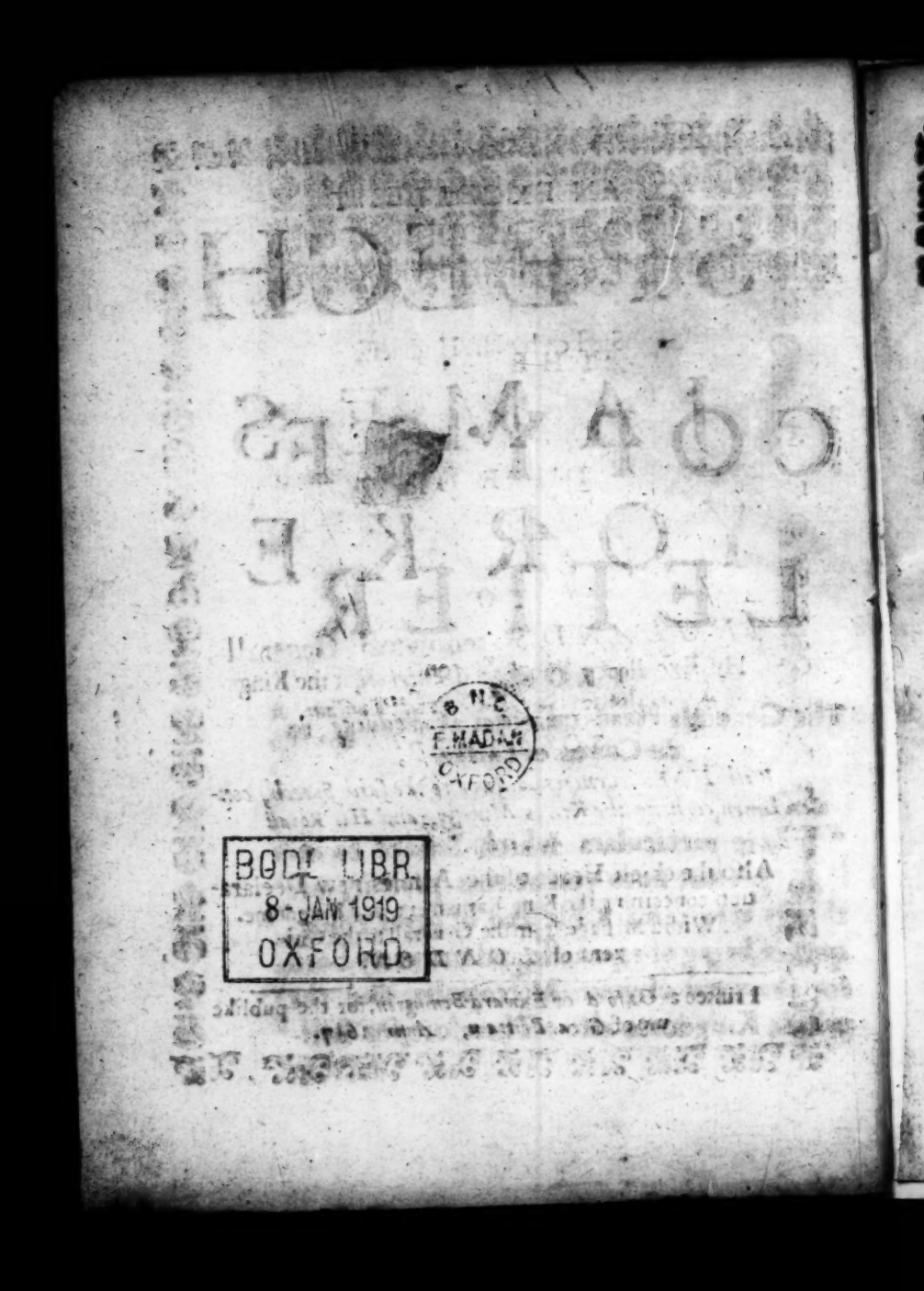
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COPY OF A LETTER

FROM

The Generals Head-quarters at *Reading*, to the Citizens of *London*.

Gentlemen,

The particulars which I have to represent unto you at this present, are things very remarkable and of great consequence, being of ripeneſſe and maturity, both for the view of your Metropolis, and the whole Kingdome alſo: Therefore, for ſatisfaction

tion of your selves, and the rest of your Fellow Commoners, I shall here communicate unto you, a Copy of the Generalls Declaration to the Lord Mayor and Citizens of *London*; together with another Paper of great consequence, agreed upon by his Excellency, and the Counsell of Warre, concerning the Free-born Subjects of this Nation; both which I shall here insert verbatim.

A Copy of the Declaration sent from his Excellency Sir Thomas Fairfax, to the Lord Mayor and Citizens of London.

WHereas in the carying on of the great businesses of the Kingdome towards a generall and happy settlement, it hath been a fixed principle with us to make it our first endeavour with the Parliament, that all things which threaten an Engagement of the Kingdome in a second warre, might be removed before we could have a confident expectation of a good issue, upon a Treaty with their Commissioners, which course of ours, although it might have some appearance of delay: yet by men that are zealous of the Kingdomes good (we hope) no endeavour will be judged unnecessary, that may prevent the Kingdome from the danger of any new intanglements.

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We are now come thus far, that the most materiall particulars which we have in preparation to propose, for the generall settlement of the affaries of the Kingdome, have bin communicated to the Parliaments Commissioners; and we hope they are satisfied that they containe in them things tending to a generall good, and to lay an hopefull Foundation for common Right, and Freedom, to the people of this Land for future; and for a lasting peace amongst us. But before we can securely intend and without interruption apply our selves, unto the proceedings and dispatch of the Treaty, there upon wee have delivered into the hands of their Commissioners, the paper which consists of three particulars, in the last whereof (which is the Militia of the City) you being most immediatly concerned, to the end you may see we would aske nothing which relates to you, without giving you a just account thereof; and all possible satisfaction therein; we have also given a Coppy thereof to your Commissioners, to be here with sent unto you. Wee should not desire this or any thing else of that nature were wee perswaded, that what wee desire is seasonable, and for yours and the Kingdomes good and quiet. And wee should willingly have been silent (as to this:) but considering the just jealousies which lye against some persons now authorised in the exercise of that power amongst you, and those attempts which have bin made by some, who would have engaged your city, to a warre, had not your Lordships and the court of Aldermen and Common Councell

by your wisdome prevented it, by getting those votes which were passed by the Militia, made null.

We cannot in a case of this importance but deal freely with you, in desiring your concurrence with ours to the Parliament; that the Militia may bee changed into those hands, out of which it was taken, of whose care and fidelity to the Publike, there hath been so long and large experience, as few ages have paralleld. And if the interest wee have so long fought for be still the same, let it not seem strange that wee desire both of the parliament and City, that those may bee in places of such a trust, who have given the best proof of their courage and constancy in prosecution of the same. Having thus far declared our selves with all freedom and clearnesse to you, as we dor not doubt of your good acceptance of our intention therein, so we desire your forwardnesse in a worke so much tending to mutuall confidence: and to prevent the designes of any who would bee glad to put obstructions in the way to a happy conclusion, and envie nothing more

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then the continuance of a aight underſtanding between you and us.

By the appointment of his Excellencie
Redding July 18. Sir Thomas Fairfax, and his
1647. *Councell of Warre.*

Signed,

John Ruſhworth, Secre.

A Copy of another Paper from the Army, concerning the Free-born People of England.

HIs Excellency Sir *Thomas Fairfax* hath writ to the parliament in these words, That all perſons impriſoned in *England*, or Dominion of *Wales* (not for Delinquency in relation to the late war) may be brought to a ſpeedy tryal, and if they appear wrongfully, or unduly impriſoned, they may have reparation according to their ſufferings. And in particular, it is deſired that this may be done in behalf of Lieutenant Col *Lilburn*, M. *Musgrave*, M. *Overton*, and others (in their condition) impriſoned about *London*.

SIR,

VPon the close of this Letter, a Gentleman residing neer the Court, intimated unto me, that when His Majesties Children were at Causam, his Excellency Sir T. Fairfax came also thither, and presented himself before the two Dukes, and the Princesse, to whom the Duke of York made this ensuing Speech.

Renowned Generall,

We heartily thank you for the great happinesse we now enjoy by the sight of Our dear Father, the effecting whereof, we cannot but attribute wholly to your industry and engagement; and as it is a great favour to Vs, so shall it be no prejudice to you: Pray accept of this Our acknowledgment, as the first part of requitall, being all we are able to do at present; but if ever it lyes in our power, it shall be better requited.

To which his Excellency replyed, That it was the least of those duties wherein he was obliged to serve his Majesty, and his Royall Posterity.

But by reason of our motion Northward, I dare not detract too much time, but must of necessity draw to a period, only (in briefe) I shall give you some of the chief Heads concerning the Armies grand Declaration, now speedily to be presented to both Houses of Parliament, viz.

1. That a Councell of State consisting of 21. may have the ordering of the Militia, and power to treat with forraign States. 2. That a period be set to this Parliament. 3. That some penall Statutes be repealed. 4. An Act of Oblivion past, and the future Parliaments biennuall. 5. Something concerning the King, touching Parliaments. 6. Concerning liberty of Conscience.

Thus having given you a briefe account, I remain

Yours to serve you,

Redding 22 of July 1647. William Sanders.